



St. Rene Goupil Catholic Community  
December 29, 2024

THE CHILD GREW AND BECAME STRONG, FILLED WITH  
WISDOM; AND THE FAVOR OF GOD WAS UPON HIM.  
—LK 2:40

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THE HOLY FAMILY

## Notes from Fr. Steve

The Feast of the Holy Family is a significant celebration in the Christian liturgical calendar, particularly within the Catholic Church. Observed on the Sunday within the Octave of Christmas, or on December 30th when no Sunday falls within the octave, this feast honors the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph as a model for all Christian families.

The formal observance of the Feast of the Holy Family was introduced by Pope Leo XIII in 1893 as part of his efforts to uphold the sanctity of family life in response to the societal changes and challenges of the time. In 1921, Pope Benedict XV extended the feast to the universal Church, emphasizing its importance for Catholics worldwide. The celebration reflects the Church's recognition of the family as the basic unit of society and a vital element in nurturing faith and moral values.

The Gospel readings for the Feast of the Holy Family often center on the life of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph as depicted in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. Lay passages include the Nativity, the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple, and the Flight into Egypt, all of which highlight the virtues of faith, obedience, and mutual love that characterized the Holy Family.

The Holy Family lived a life of simplicity and humility in Nazareth. Despite the unique nature of their mission, they faced many of the same struggles and challenges as any family. These experiences make them relatable and an ideal example for Christian families striving to live lives rooted in faith and devotion.

1. **Faith and Trust in God:** The Holy Family's unwavering trust in God's plan is a central theme. Mary's fiat ("Let it be done to me according to your word"), Joseph's obedience to angelic messages, and Jesus' submission to His earthly parents demonstrate profound faith that Christians are called to emulate.
2. **Sacrificial Love:** The Feast of the Holy Family underscores the importance of sacrificial love within families. Each member of the Holy Family puts the needs of others above their own, exemplifying the selfless love that should characterize family relationships.
3. **Holiness in Daily Life:** The hidden years of Jesus' life in Nazareth remind believers that sanctity is often cultivated in the ordinary moments of daily life. The Holy Family's example shows that even mundane tasks and routines can be sanctified when performed with love and dedication to God.

In today's world, families face numerous challenges, from economic pressures to cultural shifts that can undermine the traditional family structure. The Feast of the Holy Family serves as a reminder of the enduring values that sustain strong, faith-filled families. It invites families to pray together, support one another, and seek God's guidance in their journey.

Pope Francis has often highlighted the importance of family life, describing the family as "the first school of human values." On this feast day, many parishes encourage families to participate in Mass together and reflect on how they can grow in love, unity, and holiness.

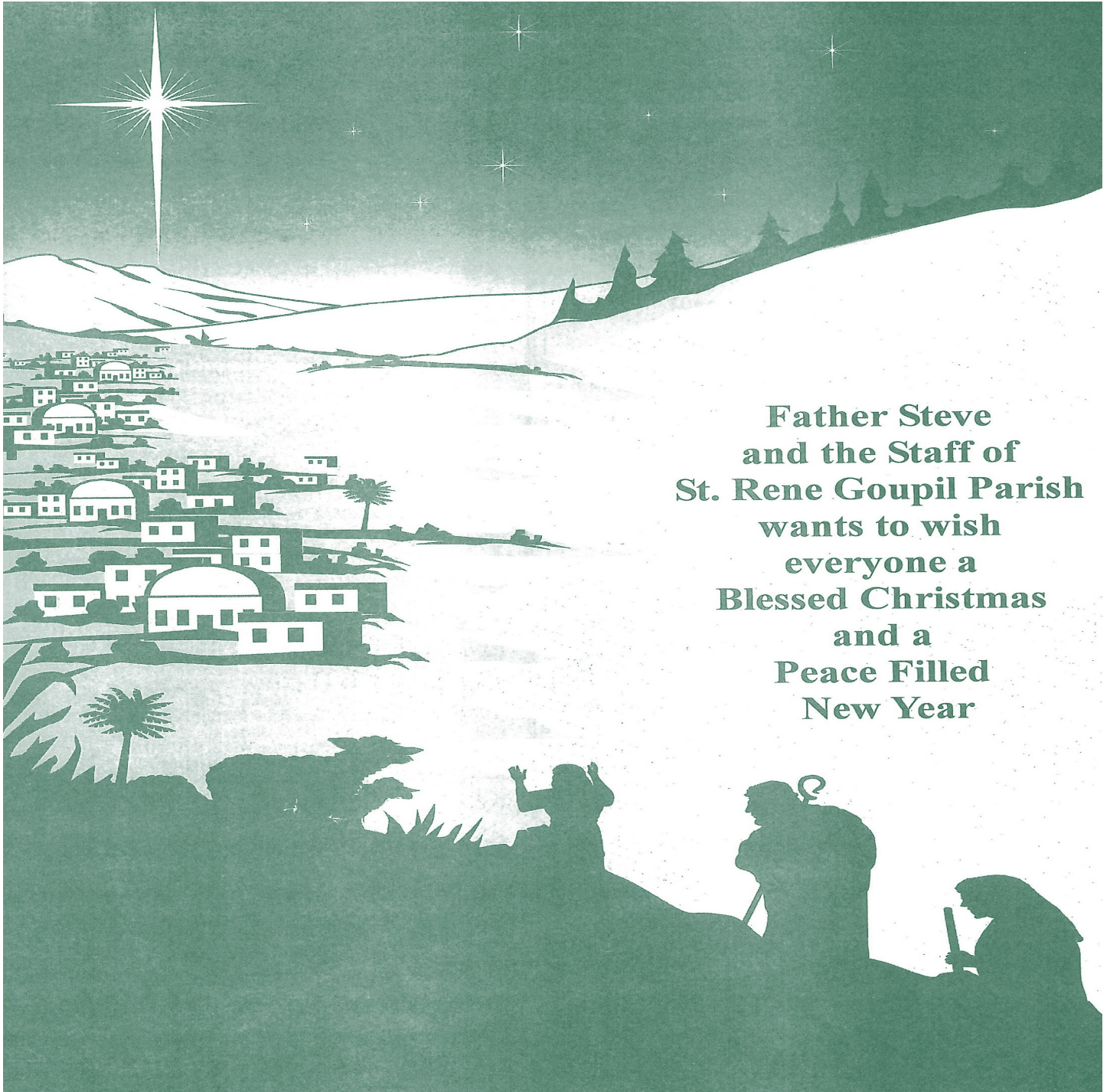
The liturgical celebration of the Feast of the Holy Family includes specific prayers and readings that focus on family life and the virtues exemplified by Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. The Collect prayer for the feast asks God to help families imitate the Holy Family so that they may enjoy eternal happiness in heaven.

The Feast of the Holy Family is a profound opportunity for Christians to reflect on the sacredness of family life. By looking to the Holy Family as a model, believers are encouraged to foster environments of love, faith, and mutual respect in their own homes. This feast reminds us that, like the Holy Family, all families are called to be domestic churches, places where God's presence is cherished and shared with the world.

As always I ask you to remember to pray for your parish family, especially the sick and the suffering. Your prayers bring them healing, comfort and peace. May God bless you and those you love!

Fr. Steve





**Father Steve  
and the Staff of  
St. Rene Goupil Parish  
wants to wish  
everyone a  
Blessed Christmas  
and a  
Peace Filled  
New Year**



For the Solemnity of  
Mary, The Holy Mother  
of God  
Mass will be celebrated  
on Wednesday,  
January 1, 2025  
at 9:30 a.m.

## **HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS**

In Celebration of the  
Christmas Holiday  
the office will be closed  
December 25th  
through  
January 1st



## Mary, The Holy Mother of God (January 1, 2025)

Today's readings evoke the blessings Mary received in saying "yes" to God's invitation to be the Mother of His Son, Jesus. We, too, are blessed when we say "yes" to God's will. In the reading from the Book of Numbers, the Lord tells Moses to say to the Israelites, *The Lord bless and keep you!* In his letter to the Galatians, St. Paul reminds us, *God sent His Son, born of a woman, and sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts.* And in St. Luke's Gospel, the shepherds were amazed to find Mary and Joseph with *the infant lying in the manger*, just as it had been told to them. Mary reflected on all these things and what God had given her, His faithful servant. As we strive to be faithful stewards of God's many gifts to us, let us model our lives after Mary, our Blessed Mother.



Miss Barbara McCleary

Mr. Joshua Schultz

Mr. & Mrs. Ariel Carraway

## Readings for the Week

**Sunday, December 29, 2024:** 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 (see a)/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

**Monday, December 30, 2024:** 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40

**Tuesday, December 31, 2024:** 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18

**Wednesday, January 1, 2025:** Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

**Thursday, January 2, 2025:** 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28

**Friday, January 3, 2025:** 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34

**Saturday, January 4, 2025:** 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42

**Sunday, January, 2025:** Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

## **Readings for The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

### **Reading I**

*Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14*

God sets a father in honor over his children; a mother's authority he confirms over her sons. Whoever honors his father atones for sins, and preserves himself from them. When he prays, he is heard; he stores up riches who reveres his mother. Whoever honors his father is gladdened by children, and, when he prays, is heard. Whoever reveres his father will live a long life; he who obeys his father brings comfort to his mother. My son, take care of your father when he is old; grieve him not as long as he lives. Even if his mind fail, be considerate of him; revile him not all the days of his life; kindness to a father will not be forgotten, firmly planed against the debt of your sins—a house raised in justice to you.

### **Reading II**

*Colossians 3:12-21*

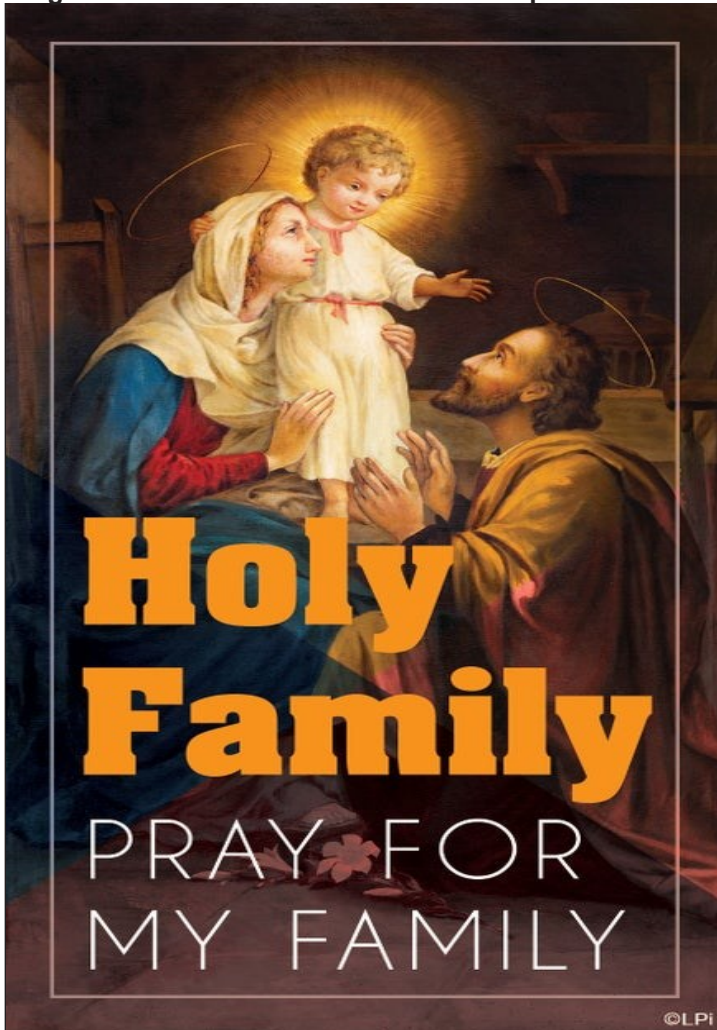
Brothers and sisters: Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Wives, be subordinate to your husbands, as is proper in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and avoid any bitterness toward them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this is pleasing to the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, so they may not become discouraged.

### **Gospel**

*Luke 2:41-52*

Each year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when he was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom. After they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Thinking that he was in the caravan, they journeyed for a day and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances, but not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man.





## The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

The topics of family honor and obedience connect today's Scripture passages. The Book of Sirach instructs those who respectfully honor their father and revere their mother atone for their sins and in turn, store up riches. Those who are caregivers for aging parents are also remembered—their generosity is an offering against sin. In St. Luke's Gospel, Mary and Joseph find Jesus in the Temple after a frantic three-day search. The evangelist tells of their return to Nazareth, where Jesus is *obedient to them*. Pope St. John Paul II emphasized the family as the "Domestic Church." Archbishop Vigneron also discusses the importance of the "Domestic Church" in his pastoral letter, *Unleash the Gospel* (see: *Guidepost 7, Families*. <https://www.unleashthegospel.org>). Please pray for the faith-filled families, as their discipleship is the foundation for vocations to the priesthood, religious life, permanent diaconate, and other ministries to the Church.



## Prayer for the New Year

Dear Lord,  
With thanksgiving we entrust our year to You: whatever it holds, whoever we encounter, wherever we traverse. What You supply is gift. May our comings and goings be aligned with Your will. Amen.

## THANK YOU FOR THE SOCKS!!!

Thank you for your generous donations of socks for the homeless. The final count this year was 1,026! This is 103 pairs more than last year! The shelters that these are distributed to every year are extremely appreciative as they can help so many homeless keep their feet warm.

God bless all of you who gave so generously!



SAVING A  
SEAT FOR  
YOU

*thank you*

Thank you to all our parishioners who so generously donated to our St. Vincent de Paul funds for our Church calendars.

We collected \$824.00 to help our neighbors in need

Thank you again,

George Downey  
St. Vincent de Paul, President





# JWJ CATHOLIC ACADEMY KID'S CORNER



**DECEMBER 29, 2024: FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY**

THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY IS A SPECIAL DAY WHERE WE CELEBRATE JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH AS A FAMILY. IT REMINDS US HOW IMPORTANT FAMILIES ARE AND HOW THEY SHOULD LOVE AND HELP EACH OTHER. JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH ARE AN EXAMPLE OF A KIND, LOVING FAMILY WHO TRUSTED AND CARED FOR EACH OTHER. ON THIS DAY, WE THINK ABOUT HOW WE CAN LOVE AND CARE FOR OUR OWN FAMILIES, JUST LIKE THEY DID. THE FEAST HAPPENS EVERY YEAR ON THE SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS. IT HELPS US REMEMBER THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING KIND, LOVING, AND RESPECTFUL TO EVERYONE IN OUR FAMILIES.

## FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY WORD SEARCH

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FIND THESE WORDS FOR THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY IN THE WORD SEARCH ABOVE:

FEAST, HOLY FAMILY, MARY, JOSEPH,  
JESUS, LOVING, HELP, KIND, SUNDAY,  
CHRISTMAS, REMEMBER, RESPECTFUL,  
EVERYONE, SPECIAL, IMPORTANT,  
EXAMPLE, TRUSTED, CARE



## FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Have everyone in the family draw a picture of their favorite family activity during the holidays. Share them with each other.

Just as the Holy Family lived a life of humility and service, engage in an act of charity. Volunteer together at a food bank, visit a nursing home, or help a neighbor in need. This can deepen your family's sense of love and compassion.

Watch a family-friendly movie or read a book that highlights Christian family values or a story about the Holy Family.

OH, MY JESUS  
THANK YOU FOR ALL THE LUXURIES,  
THANK YOU FOR ALL THE FOOD,  
THANK YOU FOR THE LOVE.  
THESE ARE ALL THE THINGS  
I RECEIVE THROUGH MY  
"O, HOLY LORD" JESUS CHRIST.

-CODY, AGE 13

# MASS+ INTENTIONS

**Tuesday, December 31, 2024**

**9:30 a.m.**

+Giuseppe & Concetta DiStefano

+Diane Broski (7th R.A.)

**Wednesday, January 1, 2025**

+Manuel Yatooma

**Thursday, January 2, 2025**

**9:30 a.m.**

+Genoveva Paunan

**Friday, January 3, 2025**

**9:30 a.m.**

+Barbara Borowski (2nd R.A.)

**Saturday, January 4, 2025**

**4:00 p.m.**

+Rosemarie Calmi

Parishioners of St. Rene

+Felix & Rita Gatt

+Helen Pomper (Birthday)

+Maybelle Koehler

+Franklin Langenstein

+Marlene Breaz

**Sunday, January 5, 2025**

**8:30 a.m.**

+Mary Carnaghi

+Sharon Murawski

+John D. Liwo

Ed & Margaret Stivers

Sr. Mary Schmidlin

+Donato Mercurio

**10:30 a.m.**

+Jane Pomper DeHart (3rd R.A.)

+Christine Laubach

+Kriemhild Blaha

**5:30 p.m.**

Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Rene



## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### The Holy Family

As a first-time pastor in a parish, I received a phone call one afternoon from a young married couple, "Father, our 2-year-old son drowned in our pool this morning. We are at the hospital. Please help us." I sped over. The little boy was gone, his body cold, slightly blue, laid out on a bed. His parents were distraught and in shock. For the next few years, I walked with the couple along their difficult and painful road. They openly shared with me how they were often tempted to blame and accuse each other for the loss. And yet, by God's grace, their love for each other grew stronger and deeper as the years went by.

The Holy Family was not without its pain and loss, either. Luke tells us, after losing their twelve-year-old son, Joseph and Mary **"after three days found him in the temple area, sitting among the teachers..."** (Luke 2:46). We don't know specifically what those three days were like for them except for what Mary says: **"Your father and I have been looking for you anxiously."** The three days of his absence foreshadow his death and burial. His finding in the temple is a kind of resurrection for his family. They had to learn, again and again, that their family was becoming a place where death and resurrection was not only accepted but welcomed and celebrated. But surely they deeply felt the dangerous agony of their loss — just like every couple who has lost a child.

What losses in your experience of family still cause you anxiety? In what ways has God's presence seemingly vanished in your family? Will you keep searching for Jesus? Remember, he will rise and be found. Your family may be suffering, but when he is found, it will be stronger than ever before.

— Father John Muir



### Prayer to the Holy Family

*Lord Jesus Christ, who, being made subject to Mary and Joseph, didst consecrate domestic life by **Thine** ineffable virtues; grant that we, with the **assistance** of both, may be taught by the example of **Thy holy Family** and may attain to its everlasting fellowship. Who livest and reignest, world without end. Amen.*



# PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

TO YOU GOD ENTRUSTED HIS ONLY SON;

IN YOU MARY PLACED HER TRUST;

WITH YOU CHRIST BECAME MAN.

OBTAIN FOR US GRACE, MERCY

AND COURAGE. AMEN.

- POPE FRANCIS



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## IMPORTANT

### BULLETIN UPDATE

With the cost of postage on the rise, if you have returned to Mass and no longer need the Church bulletin mailed to you, please call the parish office and let us know! We would appreciate it.

You can find our bulletin online each week at [strene.org](http://strene.org) our parish website.



[eucharisticrevival.org](http://eucharisticrevival.org)

## Everyday Stewardship

Do you practice good stewardship with your family? Stewardship is about more than offerings to a church or charity. It is about continually giving of ourselves in a way that gives glory to God. Sharing our gifts with those in our immediate family honors God and is evidence of your gratitude for these people in your life.

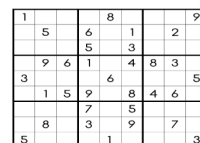
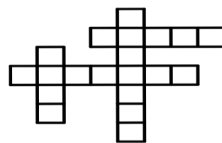
How can we effectively accomplish this? One way is to reflect on how the 6 characteristics of an Everyday Steward are present in our family relationships. Are we mindful when we are with our family members? Do we focus on them and their needs rather than our phone or TV? Do we hold up our family in prayer? Their concerns should be our concerns. Do we find ways to show how grateful we are for having them in our lives?

When we find ourselves lacking in gratitude, we should reflect on what life would be like without them. Do we help one another without being asked because we have a gracious heart? It is easy to take for granted those we see all the time. Hospitality is not just for the stranger or guest. Are we committed to a life of stewardship that not only serves as a good example, but also helps our relatives thrive? Using our gifts without wisdom might mean we have little to give to those we love. Finally, do we hold each other accountable for our decisions and shortcomings?

We are on the journey of life together, and no one exists in the Body of Christ alone. Stewardship is about the entirety of our lives. Our faith life is not reserved to Mass on a Sunday. It all begins and ends with those we love.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## New! Check out the ONLINE PUZZLE PAGE



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PLAY

### Weekend Liturgy Schedule for January 4 & 5

	<b>Saturday 4:00PM</b>	<b>Sunday 8:30 AM</b>	<b>Sunday 10:30 AM</b>	<b>Sunday 5:30 PM</b>
<b>Presider</b>	Fr. Steve	Fr. Joy	Fr. Steve	Fr. Tim
<b>Lector</b>	Steve Szeliga	Barbara Wyrwicz	Corina Sison	Paul Hornung
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Eli Wing-Na	Karin Nieto	Phat Le Phong Le	
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	K. Moravek G. Labinski	Open Open	C. Sison G. Yeck	Open Open
<b>Ushers</b>	<u>Tom Pluta</u> Dave Hintz Todd Messineo Karen Messineo Nick Rieser Jim Moravek Omar Oszust Gary Novelli Don Sundstrom	<u>Tom Dutkiewicz</u> Luis Nieto Al Gyenese Mike Kazyak Ed Stivers Sharon Olszewski Frank Iannotti	<u>Terry Shaughnessy</u> Tom Fooy Ralph Fackler Wilmar Suan Joe Meli Chrisie Fish Chris Norris Elmor Monteiro	<u>Paul Hornung</u> Mike Galuszka Ofelia Fermil Fred Rossi
<b>Sacristan</b>	K. Moravek	K. Nieto	C. Sison	Open

### Weekday Liturgy Schedule for December & January

<b>Week</b>	<b>Tuesday, December 31, 2024</b>	<b>Wednesday, January 1, 2025</b>	<b>Thursday, January 2, 2025</b>	<b>Friday, January 3, 2025</b>
<b>Presider</b>	Fr. Steve	Fr. Steve	Fr. Joy	Fr. Steve
<b>Lector</b>	Barb Wyrwicz	Mary Peterson	Mary Peterson	Louis Youkhana
<b>Sacristan</b>	Karin Nieto	Karin Nieto	Karin Nieto	Karin Nieto
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Mary Peterson	Karin Nieto	Louis Youkhana	Mary Peterson

**Altar Care Team:**

Friday, December  
27th  
Team 2

Roxann Klee  
Karin Nieto  
Antonina Notarantonio



If you are looking for a volunteer opportunity at St. Rene look no further. We are looking for volunteers for becoming a Lector, Sacristan, (**Lectors & Sacristans for the 5:30 p.m. Mass**) Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers (**both Youth and Adults for the Saturday at 4:00 p.m., Sunday at 10:30 a.m. & 5:30 p.m. Mass**). We are also looking for Lectors, Sacristans for our weekday Masses. Volunteers to

join the watering committee (watering the outdoor plants). Volunteers to help vacuum the Church on Friday's after Mass. If you're interested in any of the volunteer areas that are listed, please contact the parish office and we will gladly pass your information on to the person in charge of the assignments and have them contact you.

Thank you in advance for volunteering!  
God Bless!

**Altar Linen:**

December:

Denise Link



## STAY CONNECTED

I encourage you to sign up for this resource and make use of the Bible studies, faith formation opportunities, and Catholic movies available. Signing up only takes a few easy steps:

1. Visit [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) and click "Sign up."
2. Click "I belong to a Parish or Organization."
3. Type "Faith at Home Detroit" in the center box under Create New Account. (You'll see it populate from the drop-down menu.) Click "Next."
4. Enter your first and last name as well as your email.
5. Now you're registered! You can also download the app on you Smartphone. If you need further assistance, contact *Formed* at [www.help.formed.org](http://www.help.formed.org) or toll-free at 844-367-6331.

St. Rene St. Vincent de Paul helps with utility bills, clothing, household items, food and in certain cases evictions. If you know of anyone who needs help, please have them call (586)718-4523. They do not need to be parish members. All information is kept strictly confidential.



### Items needed for food pantry:

Vegetable oil, salad dressing, spaghetti, fruit in a can, jam, canned potatoes, dehydrated mashed potatoes, dish soap, bar soap, shampoo and hand soap.



## PLEASE REMEMBER ST. RENE GOUPIL PARISH IN YOUR WILL

You now can donate to St. Rene Goupil using your cell phone! Just take a picture of the QR code in the gathering space or in the bulletin; it will automatically link you to the St. Rene donation site. Enter the amount you wish to donate, card information and press the "Pay" button. It's that simple! We thank you for your generosity.



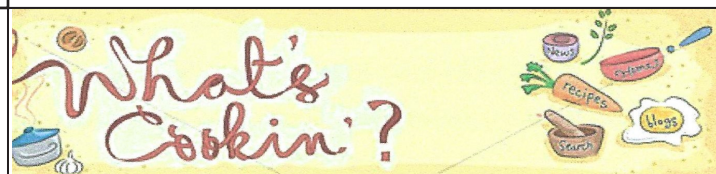
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TO ST. RENE GOUPIL



**Our Sunday Offering  
December 21 & 22  
Thank you for your  
generous response.**

**God Bless you!**

If you wish to read the bulletin it can be found online at [Parishesonline.com](http://Parishesonline.com) then search by zip code. You can go online to the [aod.org/live](http://aod.org/live) masses to find Weekday and Weekend Masses that can be watched.



## Old Fashioned Bread Pudding

4 to 8 slices bread  
2 Tbsp. margarine  
1/3 c. brown sugar  
1/3 c. granulated white sugar  
2 1/2 c. scalded milk  
1/2 tsp. cinnamon  
Dash of salt  
1 tsp. vanilla  
3 eggs, beaten slightly  
1/3 c. raisins

Melt margarine in warm milk. Mix vanilla with eggs. Put everything in bowl, mix good and pour in buttered casserole dish or bread pan. Bake 30 minutes at 350 F or until you insert a knife and it comes out clean. Serve warm or cold with or without a topping (Cool Whip).

**BLESSINGS  
ON OUR  
NEW YEAR**



The names for the prayer list for the sick is now done by personal intercession. Please drop the names of those needing prayers for healing in the petition box in the gathering area. We are asking that you take 2 names from the basket and pray for those people by name every day for four weeks. If an emergency comes up please call the parish office and we will get members of the community to pray and offer intercessions for them at daily mass.



#### COMMUNICATION BREAKDOWN?

**In marriage, communication is more than just talking.**  
**At some point, did you or your spouse stop sharing things that were important?**

The distance between a husband and wife can sometimes feel like it is so wide it cannot be repaired... **but it CAN!**

Retrouvaille is designed to help married couples understand each other and reconnect.

Private ~ Confidential ~ Effective

**The next Retrouvaille Marriage Saving Weekend:**  
**January 10-12, 2025 Farmington Hills, Michigan**

**Find out more: [HelpOurMarriage.org](http://HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 800-470-2230**

### Please Pray for the Family Members of our Parishioners serving in the Military:

MSgt. Jason Bialy, Air Force  
 Josey Blades (Air Force)  
 Airman 1st Julie M. Chervon  
 Spc. Shaen Connery (Army)  
 P.O. 1st Dale A. Foglyano  
 Nicholas Foglyano (Army)  
 P.O. 2nd Nicolas Fooy (Navy)  
 Lt Col David Fries  
 Maj. Laura Geldhof  
 Joe Gill, Navy  
 Staff Sgt. Nicole R. Grenon

Christopher Grubby (Navy)  
 Pfc. Kevin Heath  
 Lt. Christopher Kerr  
 Pfc. Paul Koss (Marines)  
 Lt. Joseph Kraft  
 Sgt. Joseph Kucharek (Army)  
 Sgt. Chris Libeck  
 Mark Locricchio (Army)  
 Sgt. Sean McDowell (Army)  
 LCPL Miguel Menzer  
 SPC Matthew Muellenhagen  
 Maj. Eric Olson

Chief Daniel Przybylinski (Navy)  
 Justin Quinn (Marines)  
 Anthony Roszko (Army)  
 Lt. Greg Siuta  
 Maj. Allison Stewart  
 Sgt Tomas R. Studholme, Jr.  
 ISG Robert Sutton  
 Sgt. Matthew Sweetman  
 Joel Vasquez, (Navy Seal)

### Prayer for Those Serving in the Military

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us.  
 Bless them and their families for their selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need.  
 Amen.



### Adoration Chapel

In the documents of the Second Vatican Council, the Church Fathers describe the Eucharist as: "The source and summit of the Christian life. The term "Eucharist" originates in the Greek word Eucharistia, meaning thanksgiving.

"Take; this is my body" Mark 14:22

1. The real presence of Christ in the Eucharist is real, true and substantial.
2. "It is called the Eucharist because it is an action of thanksgiving to God." (CCC. No. 1328)
3. "Jesus awaits us in the sacrament of love." (St. John Paul II, Dominicae cene, no. 3)
4. Eucharist makes the one present sacrifice of Christ the Savior." (CCC, no. 1330)

If you would like to take the opportunity to be still and listen to God (without worldly interruptions), we have a need for almost every hour to have a second adorer, thereby making less the need for a substitute. It is a sacrifice being Catholic in our world today, you need contemplation and the grace to make you holy. Please call Mary Peterson to sign up at (586)979-1469 or (586)738-1154.

**Uncommitted Hours**  
**Wednesday 2pm & Friday 9am**  
**TAKE TIME FOR PRAYER!**



## SAINT RENE GOUPIL Catholic Church

35955 Ryan Road  
Sterling Heights, MI 48310  
(586) 939-7500  
Fax (586) 939-7839

Office Hours  
Monday - Thursday  
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Closed 12 Noon—1:00 p.m. Lunch  
Friday 9:00 a.m. - Noon

### Pastoral Staff

Rev. Steven Koehler, Pastor  
Rev. Joy Chakian, Associate  
Rev. Mr. John Ball, Deacon Emeritus  
Rev. Mr. Kevin Tietz, Deacon  
Michael Novak,  
Director of Evangelization & Education  
Alexander Sunga  
Director of Worship & Music

### ORGANIZATIONS & SERVICES

**Legion of Mary**  
*Mary Peterson (586) 979-1469*  
**Divine Mercy**  
*Karin Nieto (586) 447-6927*  
**Ushers**  
*Al Gyenese (586) 808-3128*  
**Perpetual Adoration**  
*Mary Peterson (586) 979-1469*  
**Catholic Social Services  
of Macomb**  
*Clinton Twp. (586) 416-2300*  
**St. Vincent de Paul (Poverty Help)**  
*(586) 718-4523*  
**Joseph White, Grand Knight, K of C**  
*(586) 556-2122*

### Weekend Liturgy Schedule

Saturday 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday 8:30 a.m.  
10:30 a.m.  
5:30 p.m.

### Weekday Mass

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:30 a.m.

### Confessions

3:00 p.m. every Saturday

## WELCOME

If you have attended Mass at St. Rene and would like to become a member, please visit our parish office where you can register and discuss all of the wonderful ways to grow in faith through Christian Service, Worship, Youth Ministry, Outreach, Faith Formation, and in our Adoration Chapel. For more information call 586-939-7500.

## St. Rene Mission Statement

St. Rene Goupil Parish is a Catholic Community, dedicated to strengthening the faith and love of its people. Our mission is to proclaim that Jesus is Lord, to celebrate His Presence, and to reach out to others in His name.

### Parish Registration:

Welcome to all new families/individuals. Please register as soon as possible. Membership is a condition for the reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, First Eucharist, Confirmation and Marriage.

Registration is also required before the parish can issue a sponsorship certificate for those asked to be a sacramental sponsor. Registration forms are available in the Parish Office.

### Baptism:

Baptisms are celebrated the third Sunday of the month at 12:00 p.m. A parent preparation class is mandatory. Classes are held on the fourth Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. Call the Parish Office during weekday office hours to register for a class.

**Penance:** Saturday 3:00 p.m. Special schedules for Advent and Lent.

### Marriage:

Arrangements must be made through the Parish Office at least six months prior to the desired wedding date. One person of the couple must be an active, registered member of St. Rene Goupil Parish for six months.

### Anointing of the Sick:

On request or by appointment through the Parish Office.

## Remember in Your Prayers

ALL THOSE AFFECTED BY THE CORONAVIRUS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

